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Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Down 3 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 208 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 9, 2006. This was down 3 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Placed Down 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 172 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 9, 2006. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2006 through December 9, 2006 were 8.44 billion, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Nov 4	Nov 11	Nov 18	Nov 25	Dec 2	Dec 9
	2006	2006	2006	2006	2006	2006
Thousand						
AL	*28,242	*30,826	*30,197	*29,654	*31,106	31,254
AR	27,780	29,669	29,771	29,433	29,594	28,614
DE	3,761	3,690	3,830	3,837	3,943	3,937
FL	1,367	1,369	*1,354	1,356	1,164	1,356
GA	32,062	34,165	*34,926	34,780	35,298	33,968
KY	6,586	*7,081	*7,646	7,565	*7,472	6,698
LA	3,802	3,742	3,712	3,712	3,712	3,712
MD	8,685	8,295	8,616	8,609	*8,495	8,482
MS	17,123	16,921	17,599	18,123	17,007	17,147
NC	18,290	18,493	*18,810	18,296	18,605	18,660
OK	6,070	6,202	6,573	6,403	6,449	6,447
PA	3,595	3,897	3,999	*4,102	*3,984	3,764
SC	*4,763	5,460	5,487	5,384	5,574	5,471
TX	*13,677	*13,688	*14,328	14,326	14,309	14,080
VA	5,328	6,255	6,277	6,223	*6,399	6,282
CA, MO, TN, & WV	17,043	17,936	17,898	*17,967	*17,606	17,838
19 State Total	*198,174	*207,689	*211,023	*209,770	*210,717	207,710
Previous Year Total	206,422	210,900	212,945	215,393	214,156	213,249
Pct. of Prev. Year	96	98	99	97	98	97

\* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Nov 4	Nov 11	Nov 18	Nov 25	Dec 2	Dec 9
	2006	2006	2006	2006	2006	2006
Thousand						
AL	19,657	19,638	17,285	*18,602	*20,721	20,081
AR	22,444	20,938	21,612	21,931	23,607	23,273
DE	5,241	5,773	4,182	5,070	*4,941	5,206
FL	1,428	1,400	1,209	1,439	1,194	1,484
GA	28,334	26,793	26,482	26,483	26,515	28,138
KY	5,576	5,934	6,503	5,366	*5,717	6,174
LA	3,907	3,950	3,365	3,768	3,445	3,635
MD	5,511	4,676	6,012	5,972	*5,340	5,821
MS	15,375	14,645	12,830	15,453	15,302	15,762
NC	14,066	15,056	14,682	15,437	15,586	15,496
OK	4,498	5,020	4,820	3,948	4,805	5,424
PA	2,782	2,606	2,589	*2,730	*2,924	2,910
SC	*4,630	4,315	4,340	3,966	4,998	4,578
TX	*12,327	*10,634	*10,666	*11,606	*11,670	12,142
VA	4,697	4,382	4,808	4,057	*5,017	4,799
CA, MO, TN, & WV	15,044	14,665	15,114	16,268	*16,367	17,129
19 State Total	*165,517	*160,425	*156,499	*162,096	*168,149	172,052
Previous Year Total	165,230	165,141	162,967	169,218	171,991	173,392
Pct. of Prev. Year	100	97	96	96	98	99

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